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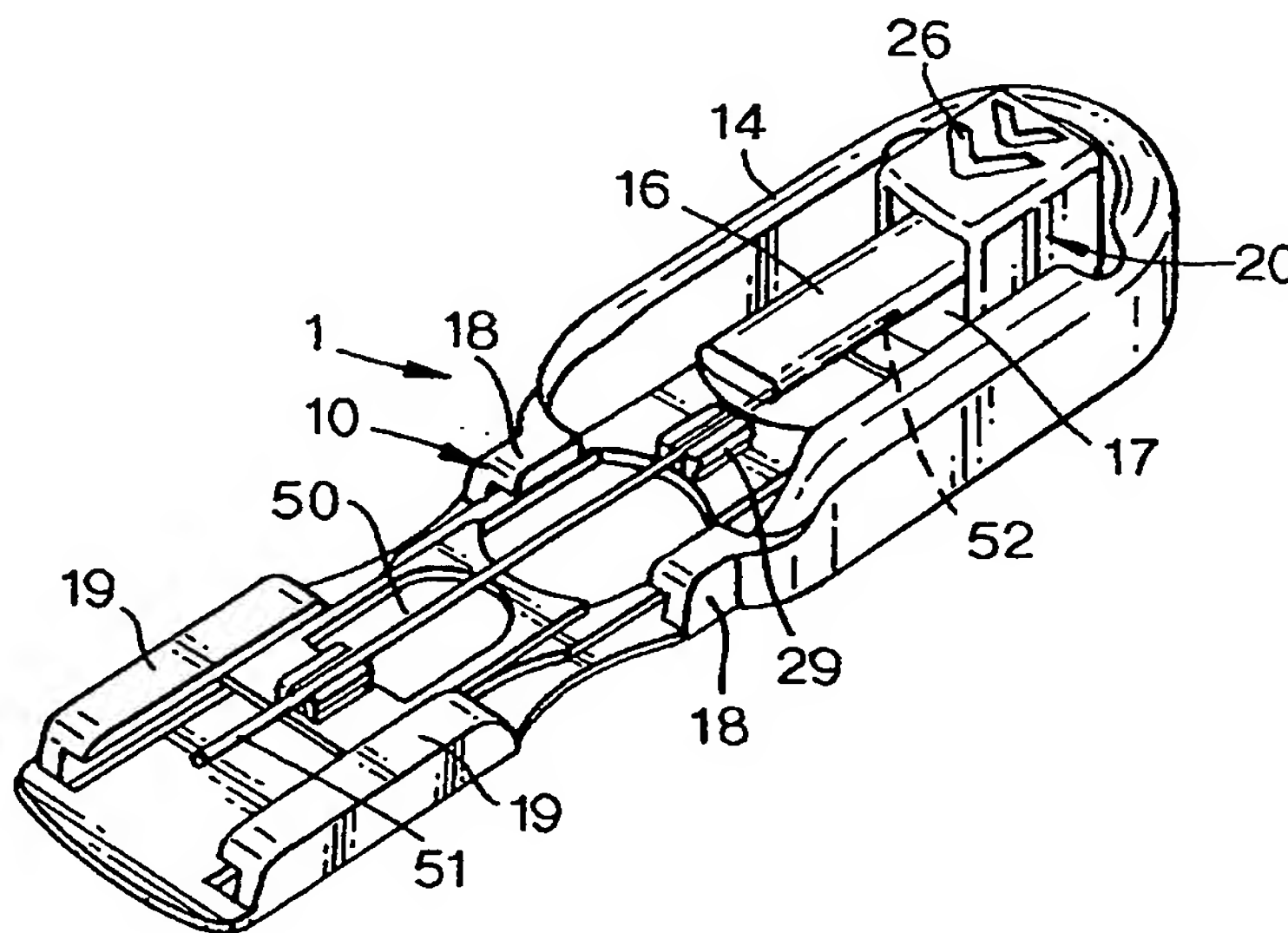
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(57) Abstract: Packaging for an ICSI pipette (50) has a base (10) and a slider (20) on which the pipette is retained by clips (29) and (36). The base (10) has a transparent rod (16) projecting above the thin end (52) of the pipette (50), acting as a lens to enable the tip of the pipette to be viewed. A grip portion (26) on the slider (20) projects above the pipette (50) and the rod (16) to enable the slider to be moved relative to the base such that the thick end (52) of the pipette projects beyond the end of the base for access and removal.

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